

¹The portrait painter Charles Cromwell Ingham (1796-1863) came from Ireland to New York with his family in 1820. He painted "fashionable beauties" and such notables as Lafayette and DeWitt Clinton. *DAB*, IX, 473. Correspondence between Ingham and Ebenezer Pettigrew may be found in the Pettigrew Family Papers, Southern Historical Collection.

²S. M. Chester appears to have been a resident of New Bern at one time; this may account for Ebenezer Pettigrew's acquaintance with him. In 1822 he was secretary of the board of the Presbyterian Church in New Bern. *Carolina Centinel* (New Bern), January 26, 1822.

³Asa Jones was a merchant from New Bern, according to the announcement of his marriage to Sarah Bryan in the *North Carolina Star* (Raleigh), January 10, 1812.

Thomas Pettigru to Ebenezer Pettigrew

A&H

Landover Oct. 7th 1830

Dear Cousin,

Since I had the pleasure of seeing you I have become a man of family I have now a local habitation. I believe I told you I was on a matrimonial course when I left you—I have succeeded to my heart[s] content

The lady I married¹ lived near Georgetown in this State. I have taken up my abode on the same place—She has neither brother sister father or mother, so that I have not increased my connections a great deal—I plant nothing but rice which is the only article grown in the neighbourhood. the gale this year had done us great injury & we shall make sorry crops. I hope yours will be better. Corn with us will find a ready market. I believe you send sometimes to Charleston. The merchant I bot from, told me he had purchased a cargo of yours: from which I judge you have the vessel you were going to build, completed. I shall have to purchase, until I get in the way of raising corn, every year about a thousand bushels—how would you like to send a cargo to Georgetown. the vessel could come to my door. I am now with Father on a visit to the place where I was raised,² until I entered the Navy—he is quite well & hearty & desires to be remembered to you. I shall return to Georgetown in 2 or 3 weeks where I hope to hear from you. All your relations in South Carolina are I believe doing as well as people generally. The excitement produced by the tariff has caused your Cousin James L[ouis Pettigru] who resides in Charleston to offer for the State Senate, not that he wishes the situation, but that he may use his influence to stop the wild notion of nullification from putting the State in a Situation that wd lead to civil war or division³—I hope you will approve of such conduct. There are some in this district (Abbeville) who say the Pettigrews were tories